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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: May 25, 2001)
For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING)
A MATERIAL LAMINATE THAT)
COMPRISES A LIQUID PERMEABLE)
TOP SHEET AND A LIQUID)
PERMEABLE LIQUID TRANSFER)
SHEET)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claims 3-9 and 11 as indicated below.

3. (Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 1, characterised in that the superabsorbent has a degree of neutralisation such that the pH in the absorbent body of the article when wetted will lie in the range of 3.5-4.9, preferably 4.1-4.7.